

**SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**June 20, 2002**  
**2:00PM**  
**Room 433, Blatt Building**

**Members Present:** Mr. Staton, Mr. Martin, Mr. Daniel, Dr. Everson, Senator Fair, Senator Giese, Dr. Gummerson, Mrs. Hoag, Mr. Smith, Mr. Stowe, Mrs. Thompson, Rep. Townsend, Mr. Wilson

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Staton welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Mr. Staton thanked and presented recognitions to four EOC members whose terms have concluded: Mrs. Thompson, Dr. Everson, Mr. Smith and Rep. Townsend. Each spoke briefly.

Mr. Staton introduced Rep. Robert Walker who is to serve as Rep. Townsend's designee on the EOC and Mr. Harry Lightsey who is assuming the position held by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Staton announced that Senator Leatherman would be assuming the position held by Senator Matthews and that a public thank you for Senator Matthews would be accomplished when his schedule permitted him to attend.

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the May 16 meeting were approved as distributed.

**III. Subcommittee Reports**

A. Academic Standards and Assessments: Mr. Wilson reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee recommended approval of the PACT-Alternate Assessment with recommendations. Mr. Martin asked that the concerns over the paperwork requirements imposed by the assessment be conveyed to the State Department of Education and monitored through implementation. The assessment was approved.

Mr. Wilson shared the operating procedures for the adoption of new standards and the cyclical review that have been developed and approved jointly by the EOC and State Department of Education staffs.

B. EIA and Improvement Mechanisms: Mr. Staton presented the first review of the Teacher Loan Program for approval. The review included several findings and recommendations. Mr. Wilson expressed concerns that there could be unintended but negative consequences to the state as the loan program encourages newly graduated teachers to go into the most critical areas since these areas need the most experienced teachers. The report was approved.

Mr. Staton reported on the appropriation of funds for accountability programs and services.

C. Parental Involvement: Mrs. Thompson reported that the Subcommittee had not met.

- D. Public Awareness: Mr. Smith reported on activities of the Public Awareness Subcommittee. He emphasized the importance of face-to-face communications and persistence in the communications strategies.
- E. Staff and Administration: Mr. Staton drew attention to the materials in the meeting packet on the governance proposals and the retreat.

IV. **Executive Director's Report**

Dr. Anderson drew attention to the work for the coming year as outlined in the meeting materials.

V. **Report From A Key Constituency**

Mr. Mac Arthur Goodwin, a longtime SC educator and current president of the National Art Education Association, spoke to the Committee, emphasizing the importance of arts education in a student's total development.

VI. **General Discussion**

Mr. Smith recognized and thanked Mrs. Elmore for her extraordinary work with the Public Awareness Subcommittee and the EOC.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.